

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN**

DARREN FINDLING, as Personal Representative of **the ESTATE OF AMY HOWES**, Deceased,

Plaintiff,

Case No: 2:19-cv-11525
Judge: Bernard A. Friedman
Magistrate: David A. Grand

v

RIETH-RILEY CONSTRUCTION CO., INC., a foreign corporation,

Defendant.

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**ORDER APPROVING WRONGFUL DEATH SETTLEMENT
AND DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEEDS**

This matter having come before the Court by way of Plaintiff's *Motion to Approve Wrongful Death Settlement and Distribution of Proceeds*, notice having been given to all interested parties, and this Court being duly advised in the premises:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Court has the jurisdiction to approve the settlement and distribution of the proceeds and enter this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the confidential settlement against Rieth-Riley Construction Co., Inc. arising from the August 1, 2018 motor vehicle accident is found to be fair, reasonable, and in the best interest of the Estate and the Wrongful Death Claimants and is approved.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the form of the Release between the Estate of Amy Howes and Rieth-Riley Construction Co., Inc. *attached as Confidential Exhibit 2*, is approved.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that attorney Jason Waechter's costs and attorney fee reflected in *Confidential Exhibit 3* are approved and shall be paid from the settlement proceeds.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Darren Findling Law Firm, PLC's, costs and attorney fee for Estate administration reflected in *Confidential Exhibit 3* are approved and shall be paid from the settlement proceeds.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that no allocation of settlement proceeds shall be issued to the Estate of Amy Howes for conscious pain and suffering as there is no evidence to support the same.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that after payment of costs and fees, the net settlement proceeds for loss of support and society and companionship, in accordance with the Settlement Agreement executed by the wrongful death claimants, which resolved all disputes concerning the division of the proceeds, provided to the Court on March 1, 2021, shall be distributed as follows:

Bryan Howes	28.5%
Timothy Howes	28.5%
Hailey Howes	28.5%
Steven Siekierzynski	5.5%
Donna Abraham	5.5%
Michael Siekierzynski	1.5%
Connie Carroll	1.5%
Charles Siekierzynski	.5%
Remainder of Claimants	\$0.00

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: March 4, 2021
Detroit, Michigan

s/Bernard A. Friedman
Bernard A. Friedman
Senior United States District Judge